

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of March 3, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-2 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1, 5-6, and 10-11 are objected to because of minor informalities.

Claims 1,4,6-9,11-14,16,18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wada et al.(US PGPUB 2002/0145733).

Claims 2, 17, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Wada et al. (US PGPUB 2002/0145733) in view of Olszak (US PGPUB 2004/0223632).

The Present Amendment

Claims 1, 5, 10, and 11 have been amended for greater definiteness.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate subject matter from claims 3 and 5 which were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate subject matter from claim 15 which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate subject matter from claim 10 which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

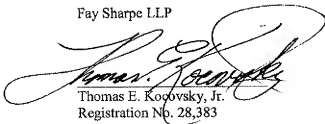
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 1-20 (all claims) distinguish patentably over the references of record and meet all statutory requirements. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at 216.363.9000.

Respectfully submitted,

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